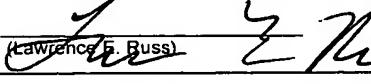


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In response to the Office Action dated April 28, 2009, finally rejecting claims 1-13 and 15-25, please amend the above-identified U.S. Patent application as follows. A request for a one (1) month extension of time accompanies this response.